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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.191

Applicants respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 24, 2004, in which the Office finally rejected claims Claims 1-3, 6-9, 12, 14, 15, and 18-24 of the above-captioned patent application.

Enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the final rejection for one month, to and including July 26, 2004.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$165.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) for this Notice of Appeal.

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